

CAPT. WARD TO BE TRIED

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ley had failed to do the same thing when first assigned to do so.

Sergeant Plum Reiterates It.

While the **Police** Board has deferred action concerning the statements made by Sergeant Plum, of the Northeastern district, but formerly of the Northwestern, to the effect that Louis Katz, a former saloonkeeper on Lorman street, had told him repeatedly that he was paying immunity money to **Captain** Ward, the Sergeant reiterates his statements.

Sergeant Plum took his memorandum book before the **Police** Board Monday when summoned and showed the Commissioners what he said were verbatim reports of what Katz had told him. The Sergeant's statement to the Commissioners was, in part, as follows:

"Last May my attention was called to a report that this man Katz was passing money monthly to **Captain** Ward for protection. I made an investigation and was told by Katz that he was paying Ward \$20 a month. I asked him again on three other occasions if he was willing to go before the grand jury and tell about having the money extorted from him. He told me he would tell all he knew if called upon.

"These are his exact words as I wrote them in my book not more than two minutes after I left him at his saloon:

"For over a year I have been paying **Captain** Ward money. In many instances I needed the money for my rent and my family. When I paid the money I was given freedom in doing business and was protected from being rized to some extent.

"I asked him how he paid the money and this is what he said:

"I used to take it down to **Captain** Ward's office and pay him there. I gave him \$20 a month. The first time I went to pay the money **Captain** Ward told me to put it in a pigeonhole in his desk, which I did, but after that I paid him myself. I also sent my bartenders down to pay him on several occasions.

Louis Katz Denies It.

Louis Katz was told what Sergeant Plum said and was asked what he had to say about it.

"If Sergeant Plum or anyone else made that statement he lies," Katz said.

"Sergeant Plum stated to the board," he was further told, "that he had made notes of the exact words you uttered when you told him you had given **Captain** Ward money."

"I do not care what Sergeant Plum told the board. He is responsible for those statements. I did not tell him that I had paid **Captain** Ward money."

"What have you to say about Patrolman Casey and the other officers who were said to have also been told by you that you gave money for **police** protection?"

"I have nothing further to say."

"What do you think of Plum's statements?"

"He's trying to persecute me," Katz replied. "They all tried to do it. They drove me out of business and **Captain** Ward was no better than the rest."

Effect Of Action.

The action of the board, it is understood, will preclude from the **trial** of **Captain** Ward any mention of the allegations of Sergeant Plum, the rules of the Board providing that testimony given by witnesses must concern the specific charges named.

Colonel Swann was unwilling to discuss the case beyond the statement previously given. It was said by one who professed to know that the board had agreed that the allegations of Plum and the other officers were too "garbled" to merit further pressing at present.

The stenographers in the board rooms were busy writing out the charges against **Captain** Ward and these will be ready to be delivered to him today. While the captain has been given the privilege by the board of preferring charges against other officers in the department it is stated by a close friend that it is not likely he will do so until the end of the **trial**, when it is probable that the **captain** will prefer charges against Sergeant Hurley and several others.